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SUBJECT: MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES ON PROCESSED FRUITS
AND VEGETABLES (MIPS)

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1. ECON/COMM'L MINISTER CONTACTED MFA DEPUTY
ASSTSEC LAUTENSCHLAGER AND REITERATED US OPPOSITION

TO MIPS ALONG LINES OF PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS. WHILE
CONFIRMING THAT EC ADMINISTERS LIKELY TO CONSIDER
SUBJECT AT THEIR APRIL 28-29 MEETING, LAUTENSCHLAGER
DID NOT THINK THAT THEY WOULD REACH AN AGREEMENT ON
THE MATTER WHICH, HE SAID, "IS TIED UP WITH THE
MEDITERRANEAN MANDATE" AND ON WHICH THE ITALIANS HAVE
PLACED A RESERVE. LAUTENSCHLAGER PROMISED TO PASS
OUR VIEWS ON TO THE FRG MISSION IN BRUSSELS.

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2. AGATTACHE ALSO CALLED ON MINAG OFFICIAL, WHO
SIMILARLY EXPRESSED DOUBT AS TO THE LIKELIHOOD
OF SETTLEMENT OF THIS ISSUE AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.
MINAG OFFICIAL INDICATED A NUMBER OF PROBLEM AREAS ON
WHICH HE DID NOT BELIEVE AGREEMENT WOULD BE POSSIBLE
AT THIS TIME. AS OF NOW, SEVERAL COUNTRIES
ARE STILL INSISTING UPON CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS TO
LIBERALIZATION. THESE EXCEPTIONS INCLUDE PEACHES
BY THE FRENCH AND CITRUS BY THE ITALIANS. IF THE
FRENCH AND ITALIANS CONTINUE TO INSIST ON THESE
EXCEPTIONS, THE FRG WILL ALSO DEMAND EXCEPTIONS FOR
POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, SOUR CHERRIES, AND APPLES.
MINAG OFFICIAL MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT IF OTHER
COUNTRIES WITHDREW THEIR EXCEPTIONS AND AGREED
WITH THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL OF JUNE 1973, THEY WOULD
DO THE SAME.
HILLENBRAND

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